RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (d) So far as, the Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation is concerned, it has been implementing, through the State Govemments/UTs, a Centrally Sponsored Urban Poverty Alleviation Programme named Swama Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), on all India basis, with effect from 1.12.1997, with a view to providing gainful employment to the urban unemployed or under-employed poor through, firstly, encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those, who have read upto 9th standard and secondly, by providing wage employment by utilising their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets. The scheme is funded in the ratio of 75:25 between the Centre and the States. Under the Scheme, during the Ninth Plan period, a sum of Rs. 499.31 crores was released to the States/Union Territories.

As regards the poverty alleviation schemes pertaining to the Ministry of Rural Development, the information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

Corruption in DDA

4021. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of DDA employees who are deputed on outside duties in DDA colonies are taking bribe from the residents who constructed their houses;

(b) whether it is a fact that these employees have earned huge amount of black money from the residents particularly in Mayur Vihar, Phase-Ill, New Delhi;

(c) whether Government would initiate CBI inquiry against those employees; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (b) Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has reported that no specific instance has come to its notice. As and when any complaint is received, appropriate action is taken as per rules.

(c) and (d) In view of reply to (a) and (b) above, questions do not arise.